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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES CASE: RUMYANKA AND YORDANKA
MAREVA

REF: SOFIA 1673

1. SPAS MAREV, HIS WIFE IVANKA AND INFANT DAUGHTER BEGAN
VIGIL IN FRONT OF STATE DEPARTMENT AT START OF WORKING DAY
AUGUST 12, CARRYING U.S. FLAG AND PLACARD CALLING FOR

RELEASE OF TWO OLDER DAUGHTERS IN BULGARIA. EUR/EE OFFICER
IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED MAREVS; THEY SAID THEY ARE AMCITS,
EX-BULGARIANS, THEY HAD LEFT THEIR TWO INFANT DAUGHTERS
BEHIND WHEN THEY DEFECTED FROM A TOURIST GROUP IN
ISTANBUL NINE YEARS AGO. THEY SHOWED SOME CORRESPONDENCE
WITH PRESENT AND PAST DESK OFFICERS, WITH SENATORS
JACKSON AND PERCY, AND WITH MRS. FORD'S SECRETARY. MAREVS
ALSO PROVIDED US COPY OF CLIPPING FROM CHICAGO TRIBUNE
OF ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO ON THEIR PLIGHT. THEY SAID
THEY HOPED FOR WASHINGTON MEDIA PUBLICITY TO DEVELOP
FROM PRESENT "DEMONSTRATION," WHICH IS TAKING PLACE DURING
MR. MAREV'S VACATION FROM HIS JOB IN SHIPPING DEPARTMENT
OF A CHICAGO FACTORY. MAREV REFERRED IN HIS CONVERSATION
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TO HELSINKI FINAL ACT, WHICH HE SAID GOB SHOULD BE FORCED

TO LIVE UP TO. MAREVS PUT IN FULL DAY PICKETING AUG. 12
AND RETURNED AUGUST 13.

2. WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL AND OUR FILES THAT RUMYANKA
MAREVA LISTED AS DIVIDED FAMILY CASE 38.

3. WE ARE OF COURSE CHECKING OUR PRESENT INFORMATION
ON CASE WITH MAREVS AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTTEL TO INSURE
EMBASSY CAN PASS IMPECCABLE FILE ON RUMYANKA AND
YORDANKA MAREVA TO GOB. (WE NOTE DISCREPANCIES IN
ENGLISH SPELLING, FOR EXAMPLE, IN VARIOUS DOCUMENTS.) ROBINSON

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